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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. SHIROGANE et al.
Serial No.: 10/629,813
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For: STORAGE SYSTEM
Group: 2145
Examiner: A. Choudhury

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 26, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 6, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.